CAMPERS OF THE WEEK

A change of pace - different strokes for different folks and for Appomattox it was very different. Last week they had two campers of the week. They were Traci Schmutz and Mark Drinkard. Each of these will receive a scholarship to return to camp next summer.

Traci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Schmutz and Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Drinkard.

THE CORDSMEN

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GOSPEL SING SET FOR AUGUST 12TH

A Gospel Sing featuring the Cordsmen Quartet from Fayetteville, North Carolina and the Vibrations from Appomattox is planned for August 12, 1977.

The Gospel Sing will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Appomattox County High School auditorium.

Everyone is invited to attend. A free will offering will be taken.

ALABAMA BAPTIST

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus saith unto her, give me to drink. John 4:7.

The regular preaching service were held at the Alabama Baptist Church with our pastor in charge, Rev. C. L. Elliott.

Prayer service was led by Deacon James Moore and Deacon Archer Watkins.Everyone joined in the prayer service At 11:45 the service was turned over to the pastor, Rev. Elliott. Opening song was by the Senior choir. Scriptures were read by Rev. Howard Flood from the 4th chapter of John verses 1 - 14. Song by Senior Choir. Rev. Elliott preached from John 4th chapter, John 5-6, 7, 8 verse. Theme: Jesus Is The Man. Special song by Junior choir before Rev. Elliott's sermon. A lovely sermon was delivered and we welcomed all visitors from different churches: White Oak, Grove, Mt. Lyle, Visitors from Jordan Baptist, Sis Jones and relatives from out of town. Visitors from Baltimore, Maryland, Peaks Baptist, Zion Baptist, Sulphur Spring, Triumph. We are praying for the sick wherever they may be. Mrs. Mary Bailey is on the sick list.

Homecoming will be held at the Alabama Baptist Church the 1st Sunday in September, and revival will start on Monday night following.

May God bless each and every one until we meet again.

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Sight For The Sightless

According to the latest available U. S. statistics there are about 400,000 blind Americans. And within this group there are many who are afflicted with corneal problems, a condition which can be rectified by corneal surgery reports Doctor Walter Mayer, surgical director of the Old Dominion Eye Bank and Research, Inc. of Richmond.

In most cases corneal scarring occurs because the cornea, clear area of tissue known as the window of the eye, which admits sight loses its transparency and becomes cloudy, for those afflicted in this way, Mayer says, there is hope of being freed from the stygian existance of living in a world of darkness because medical research has developed a surgical procedure whereby healthy corneal tissue from the eyes of a recently deceased person can be successfully transplanted to the eyes of someone whose blindness was due to a diseased or defective cornea. This medical breakthrough in sight research, Mayer said, now makes it possible for about ten percent of those without vision to receive sight-restoring corneal transplants.

Here in Virginia, the Old Dominion Eye Bank, a non-profit organization sponsored and financially supported by the Lions Club of Virginia, is today making it possible for many of the visually handicaped, afflicted in this manner, to receive sight-restoring grafts, Mr. R. Kenneth Hudgins, executive director of the Eye Bank, said.

Its principal funciton is receiving, processing, and distributing eye tissue, donated on death, for corneal transplant purposes. The Eye Bank, founded in 1962, has enabled thousands of blind persons to regain their sight, he said.

Hudgins pointed out that during the period July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977, eye surgeons performed 129 sight-restoring operations using eye tissue supplied by the Old Dominion Eye Bank. During this same period, he said, 4,939 eye donor pledge cards were received, most of them solicited by members of Virginia Lions Clubs. Hudgins emphasized that thousands of additional eye donors are needed to fill the ever increasing need for eye tissue so vital to surgeons waiting and ready to perform sight-restoring surgery. Hudgins commented that it is no longer uncommon for persons even though far from any foreseeable demise to bequeath their eyes to the Eye Bank.

Some questions people frequetly ask about eye donation a spokesperperon for the Old Dominion Eye Bank says are:

Q - Who can pledge eyes?

A. Everyone. Age, race, poor eyesight, physical condition makes no difference.

Q. Are there charges involved in eye donation?

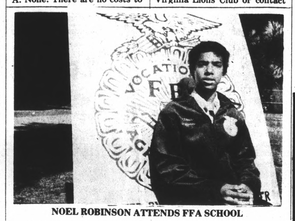
A. None. There are no costs to the donor or recipient of eye tissue.

Q. What happens when an eye donor dies?

A. The donor's family or personal physician should contact the Old Domion Eye Bank immediately. Phone collect (804) 648-0890. All arrangements are handled by the Eye Bank.

Q. How do I pledge my eyes?

A. Ask any member of a Virginia Lions Club or contact the Old Dominion Eye Bank and Research, Inc. 408 North 12th Street, Richmond, Va. 23219.



NOEL ROBINSON ATTENDS FFA SCHOOL

Noel Robinson from the Appomattox Jr. FFA Chapter was one of a 130 students of Agriculture from all across the state of Virginia who attended FFA Leader School in Smithfield on August 1-5, 1977. The students were there to develop leadership qualities by attending classes, participating in contest and taking part in demonstrations.

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ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

CORN DISASTER - In the last several weeks, the ASCS office has had many farmers in the county to apply for low-yield disaster benefits on their corn. The actual count as of last Friday was 100. Most of the farmers that have applied have indicated that they will cut their corn for silage or abandon it. Under program provisions, the ASCS office must make an appraisal on the corn to be cut or abandoned so that a yield can be determined.

The yield is used as a basis for program payments.

At the present time, in addition to myself there are four other people in the county that are making corn appraisals. They are John Hudson, Mike Terrence, Kay Bondurant, and Hunter Marshall. With the volumn of appraisal requests as to the number of people making appraisals, it is hard to appraise everyone's corn just as they are ready to cut for silage, and at this time almost everyone is ready to cut.

If you are one of those who are ready to cut for silage but have not yet had your corn appraised, you may leave representative strips in the field that you going to cut. By doing this, you will be able to go ahead and cut but there will be strips left for us to appraise. An example of what would be representative strips would be as follows: A 10 acre field should have two strips of 6 to 10 rows. Another way to figure representative strips would be the representative areas should be approximately 5 percent of the affected acreage.

On the farms that have had appraisals made, the highest appraisal has been approximately 42 bushels to the acre while the lowest has been zero bushels to the acre. The average has been between 10 and 20 bushels to the acre. As more appraisals are made, information relating to yields will be publicized.

DROUGHT RELIEF SITUATION - I have found out that on August 3rd, the Governor of Virginia requested to the President that Appomattox be declared a Presidential Disaster County, and be made eligible for federal aid. When I receive information as to whether or not Appomattox is declared eligible, I will publicize the information by newspaper, radio, and newsletter.

FLUE CURE TOBACCO MARKETING CARDS - The flue-cured tobacco marketing cards are now being issued at the ASCS office. Producers will need to get their cards before they can market their tobacco.

School Board Announces Policy For Lunch Program

The Appomattox County Public Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch Program.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size	Maximum Family Income For Free Meals	Family Income For Reduced Price Meals
1	$ 3,930	$ 3,931 - 6,120
2	5,160	5,161 - 8,050
3	6,390	6,391 - 9,970
4	7,610	7,611 - 11,880
5	8,740	8,741 - 13,630
6	9,860	9,861 - 15,380
7	10,890	10,891 - 16,980
8	11,910	11,911 - 18,580
9	12,840	12,841 - 20,030
10	13,760	13,761 - 21,470
11	14,680	14,681 - 22,890
12	15,590	15,591 - 24,310
Each Additional Family Member	910	1,420

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special educational expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished in the application is true and correct. An additional statement is added to warn that the application is being made in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, that school officials may, for cause, verify the information in the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable State and Criminal statues.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

Under the provsions of the policy each school principal will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wished to make a formal appeal, he may make a request orally or in writing to Richard B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education, Appomattox County School Board, Appomattox, Virginia, 24522, telephone number 352-8253 for a hearing to appeal the decision. the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown on the income scales.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Each school and the office of the Division Superintendent has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

LYNCHBURG SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE, ONE OF FIRST IN NATION, CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIV. OF OPENING

The Lynchburg social security office is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year as one of the first social security offices in the Nation.

The Social Secuity Act became law in 1935. People signed up for social security numbers for about a year before the first offices were opened. By the end of 1937, 323 social security offices were serving the public, including the Lynchburg office, which opened on August 9, 1937.

The office was located in the main post office, according to William J. Vinson, the present district manager. "James W. Dinwiddie was district manager then", he said. "There were three employees. Since then, social security has grown and changed with the Nation."

The office is now at 2301 Park Avenue. There are 55 employees including the branch office in Farmville. The Lynchburg office serves the cities of Lynchburg and Bedford and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nelson and Prince Edward.

"In the beginning," William J. Vinson said, "social security benefits were for retired workers only and covered jobs in commerce and industry only.

"Today," he said, "over nine out of 10 jobs are covered and aobut 100 million workers in the Nation -- as well as their families -- have social security protection. In Lynchburg, that's about 94% of the jobs and 97% of the people with protection.

BIG CATCH!

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Jack) Martin of Appomattox are shown in above photo with big fish caught by Mrs. Martin in a local farm pond.

The large mouth bass weighed 7 pounds and was 22 inches long. Mrs. Martin is a real fisherman!

Social security benefits are based on work and earnings and funded by contributions from employees, employers and self-employed people. Over the years, the law has been amended so that monthly benefits are now paid to eligible retired and disabled workers and their families and to dependents of workers who have died after working long enough under social security.

Survivors benefits for dependents of deceased workers were provided for by an 1939 amendment. Disability insurance was added in 1954 to give workers protection against loss of earnings due to disability.

"The first benefits were paid in 1940 to about 220,000 people in the Nation. "Today, social security pays monthly benefits to over 32.6 million people in the Nation, including about 44,022 in the Lynchburg area. Payments in the Lynchburg area total more than 8 million dollars per month.

In the first year, the average social security payment was $22 a month to a retired worker and $47 to a widowed mother with two children in her care. Today, according to William J. Vinson, the average payment is $223 a month to a retired worker, $244 to a disabled worker, and $508 to a widowed mother with two children in her care.

The Social Security Administration administers Medicare, which started in 1965, and the supplemental security income (SSI) program, which started in 1974.

Over 20 million people in the Nation have Medicare. Medicare helps pay the health care bills of people 65 & over, of disabled people who have been entitled to social security disability benefits for at least 24 consecutive months, and of many people with permanent kidney failure.

The SSI program makes monthly payments, funded by general revenues, to over 4.3 million people in the Nation with little or no income and limited resources who are 65 or over or blind or disabled. About 6,437 people in Lynchburg get SSI payments, according to William J. Vinson.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U. S. Department of Health, Educaiton, and Welfare.

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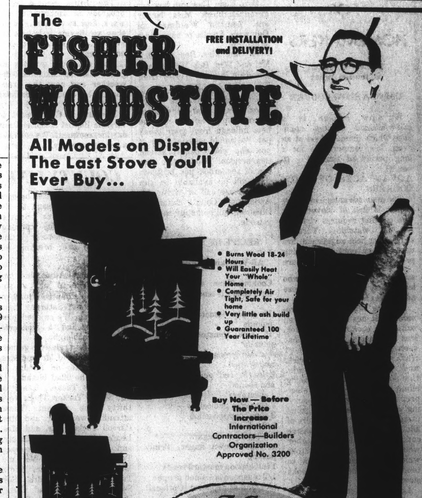
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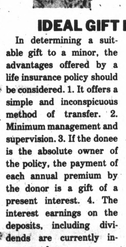

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